

**In the specification**

Please delete the paragraph on page 1, lines 4-28.

Please add the below paragraph to page 1 at the location where the original paragraph at page 1, lines 4-28, was deleted:

-- This application is a continuation of application serial number 09/546,596, filed April 10, 2000, which is a continuation of application serial number 08/928,823, filed September 12, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part (CIP) of application serial number 08/464,953, filed June 5, 1995, which is a CIP of application serial number 08/117,363, filed September 3, 1993, which is a CIP of PCT/US92/09196, filed October 23, 1992, and said application serial number 08/928,823, filed September 12, 1997, is a CIP of application serial number 07/782,374, filed October 24, 1991 (abandoned), which is a CIP of application serial number 07/463,358, filed January 11, 1990 (abandoned), and a CIP of application serial number 07/566,977, filed August 13, 1990 (abandoned), and a CIP of application serial number 08/344,155, filed November 23, 1994 (now US Patent No. 5,883,082, which is a CIP of application serial number 08/063,167, filed May 17, 1993 (now US Patent No. 5,514,788), which is a CIP of application serial number 08/007,997, filed January 21, 1993 (now US Patent No. 5,591,623), which is a CIP of application serial number 07/939,855, filed September 2, 1992 (abandoned), which is a CIP of application serial number 07/567,286, filed August 14, 1990 (abandoned), and a CIP of application serial number 08/731,299, filed October 15, 1996 (now US Patent No. 6,078,785). --